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### THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

The war correspondents still complain. They are unanimous in accusing the Japanese officers of bad faith, but the truth probably is that the home authorities promised things which the field commanders refused to carry out. As a rule a General in the field abhors the war correspondent as a privileged spy. General Sherman would not have the field reporters about his headquarters in the Civil War campaigns and at one time he threatened to hang Whitelaw Reid. During the Spanish war Shafter and the pressmen were always at odds. Lord Wolseley, in his military text book, urged British officers to refuse correspondents shelter, food and forage. Ten years ago the Japanese were inclined to welcome war correspondents and give them a chance to unfold the military virtues of Japan to the outside world; but after their experience with James Creelman, who invented the story of the "Port Arthur massacre," they drew the lines very tight, allowing no new men to enter the field and even censoring the private letters of those already there. As to the present attitude of the Japanese Generals it is the common and natural one. No commander whose country's fortunes and his own are at stake, can afford to surround himself with foreign observers whose business is to penetrate the secrets of his plans and publish them to the world, using bribed messengers or even the new device of wireless telegraph to reach that end. Touching the complaint that correspondents are not permitted to go near the firing lines, it may be said that the precaution is necessary lest the men be captured by the enemy and pumped dry of any information they may have of the Japanese dispositions. Probably after this war the special correspondent at the front will disappear altogether. He is, particularly since wireless telegraphy was invented and owing to the bribe money he has on hand, too dangerous a guest for a cautious General to accept.

### NOT A REVIVAL YEAR.

An Eastern paper complains that the general revival of religious fervor in the Evangelical churches which Rev. Dr. Brushingham of Chicago is trying to inspire shows no signs of realization. "The times are," it believes, "ripe for a general American revival," but the people "are strangely indifferent to the appeals of the pulpit and even to those of their consciences."

A study of the great revival movements in the United States, however, leads to the conclusion that they are the products of hard times. When a financial panic comes and business houses totter and fall, when incomes are reduced and the outlook ahead is dark, then, as in 1837, 1857 and 1873, the people turn for help to a higher power and the revivalist finds his work cut out for him. As soon as prosperity ensues, active interest in religion falls off. Three and more years ago, in discussing a general effort all over the United States to bring about a revival, this paper said that the attempt was sure to fail because of McKinley times. And fail it did. The people were making money too fast on earth to concern themselves about laying up treasures in Heaven. At the present time the conditions are so nearly the same as to fully account for the non-success of Dr. Brushingham's efforts. He is bound to lose; in fact defeat is in the nature of things.

One of the solid successes in the educational system of Hawaii is Oahu College under its present management. People are waking up to the fact that the institution is a good school of practical training as well as one of preparation for higher work. Young men and women who go no further are well-fitted for the duties of life; and those who enter Universities find that Oahu has given them a good start. The number of students has largely increased since President Griffiths took hold.

Shipping Hawaiian rice to San Francisco to sell at a loss will be a severe jolt to the friends of the "small farmer."—Star.

Why so? We are not aware that anyone has advised the small farmer to grow rice. If he had, the Star would probably object to the scheme on the ground that there are not enough export facilities to make the venture pay.

The public should not fail to remember that the All Red line from Vancouver is trying to do something for Honolulu in the matter of low fares. Such favors ought to be rewarded by a more generous use of the facilities the line affords.

Joseph Folk looms up as the next Democratic nominee for President. As the Roosevelt of the Middle West he presents many attractions to his party not down in the Bryan program.

### PORTUGUESE INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Today will be a day of rejoicing for many of the citizens of Honolulu for it is the four hundred and sixty-fourth anniversary of the achievement of Portuguese independence from Spain, an event which had a profound influence on the destiny of the peoples of the Iberian Peninsula. The history of the little kingdom on the shores of the Atlantic, surrounded by a hostile domain which seems always ready to push her smaller neighbor off into the waters of the great ocean, is a stirring one, full of legends of martial valor and all the romance and poetry of mediaeval days. The nation had its birth amid the turmoil of the holy wars and being consolidated with other provinces wrenched from the unhappy Moors in the long struggle that led up to the fall of Granada.

Cradled amid the bloody strife between Cross and Crescent, which lasted for two centuries before the whole of what is now Portugal was taken from the Saracens, the infant nation was soon plunged into the throes of civil strife which wrested the crown from the House of Burgundy and gave it to the House of Aviz and made the power of the crown absolute. Now began the golden age of Portuguese history. Her explorers carried the Portuguese flag to the remotest corners of the globe and her galleons, laden with the gold, gems and spices of the Indies, Africa and the Americas plowed every sea. But the drain of her immense commerce was too much for the little kingdom. Her men were taken to the far-off colonies and when King Sebastian perished with his army in a battle with the Moors of Northern Africa in 1578 the country fell an easy prey to Philip II of Spain.

For many years Portugal remained a province of Spain until, goaded by Spanish tyranny, the people of the little country rose in revolt and aided by England forced Spain to acknowledge their independence in 1640. The crown went to the House of Braganza of which Carlos V, the reigning monarch, is a member. Although there have been some disturbances since independence was achieved, today Portugal is in a state of prosperity and peace. But the day of her independence marked the shattering of all hopes of Spanish greatness and today the little nation is in some respects more powerful than her larger neighbor whose past glory stands in contrast with her present weakness and shame.

The King of Italy, in his speech from the throne, urges the avoidance of war. From the way in which arbitration treaties are being signed it would appear that the powers are quite of his opinion. "Arbitration" as the British Premier said the other day, "is becoming fashionable." It is a long time since there has been a first-class war in Europe, though incentives are all the time coming up. Fifty years ago war must indubitably have followed the North Sea episode which has just been closed by reference to a peace court, and the Fashoda incident, which was arranged by negotiation. Nations think twice now before they fight their equals and Russia's plight will teach them to be cautious about an appeal to arms with powers whom they class as their inferiors.

The attempt of some organization here to compel the sole employment of citizens on the police force is absurd. In a place where so many races congregate it is necessary to have a few alien police, Japanese to ferret out crimes among their countrymen and Chinese and Portuguese to do the same. The question to be settled is one of capacity, courage and honesty, not one of citizenship. To catch the criminal is the main point, not to pay a party organization's debts.

The 203 meter hill, taken by the Japanese, commands every part of the harbor at Port Arthur. If Nogi can hold it and get heavy guns into action there, the remnant of the Russian fleet will either have to put to sea or go to the bottom.

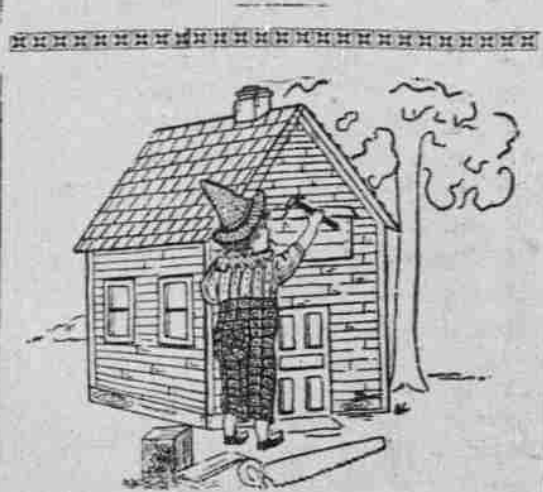
Tourists are scarce in Japan. Fear of a possible blockade, of torpedoed harbors and of floating mines is among the deterring influences which even the news that curios and works of art were never so cheap in Mikado land, does not overcome.

Henry Vieira should have started his little graft earlier. Then he might have laid it all to B. H. Wright, as the rest of them did.

The absence of cheap politics from the Supreme bench accounts for the long run of unanimous decisions.

"You are an hour late this morning, Sam." "Yes, sah, I know it, sah." "Well, what excuse have you?" "I was kicked by a mule on my way here, sah." "That ought not to have detained you an hour, Sam." "Well you see, boss, it wouldn't have if he'd only have kicked me in his direction, but he kicked me the other way!"—Yonkers Statesman.

### THE OPERETTA OF MOTHER GOOSE PEOPLE



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And where is the man all tattered and torn, who kissed the maiden all forlorn; who milked the cow with the crumpled horn, that tossed the dog, that worried the cat, that caught the rat, that ate the malt, that lay in the house that Jack built.

And where is the priest all shaven and shorn who married the man all tattered and torn, unto the maiden all forlorn, who milked the cow with the crumpled horn, that tossed the dog, that worried the cat, that caught the rat, that ate the malt, that lay in the house that Jack built.

Today's rehearsals will be held at the Castle Kindergarten. 2 p. m., Guest with Mother Goose. 4 p. m., Specials. 4:30 p. m., King's Guards. The principals of the second will rehearse at 10 a. m. at the Symphony Club rooms.

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